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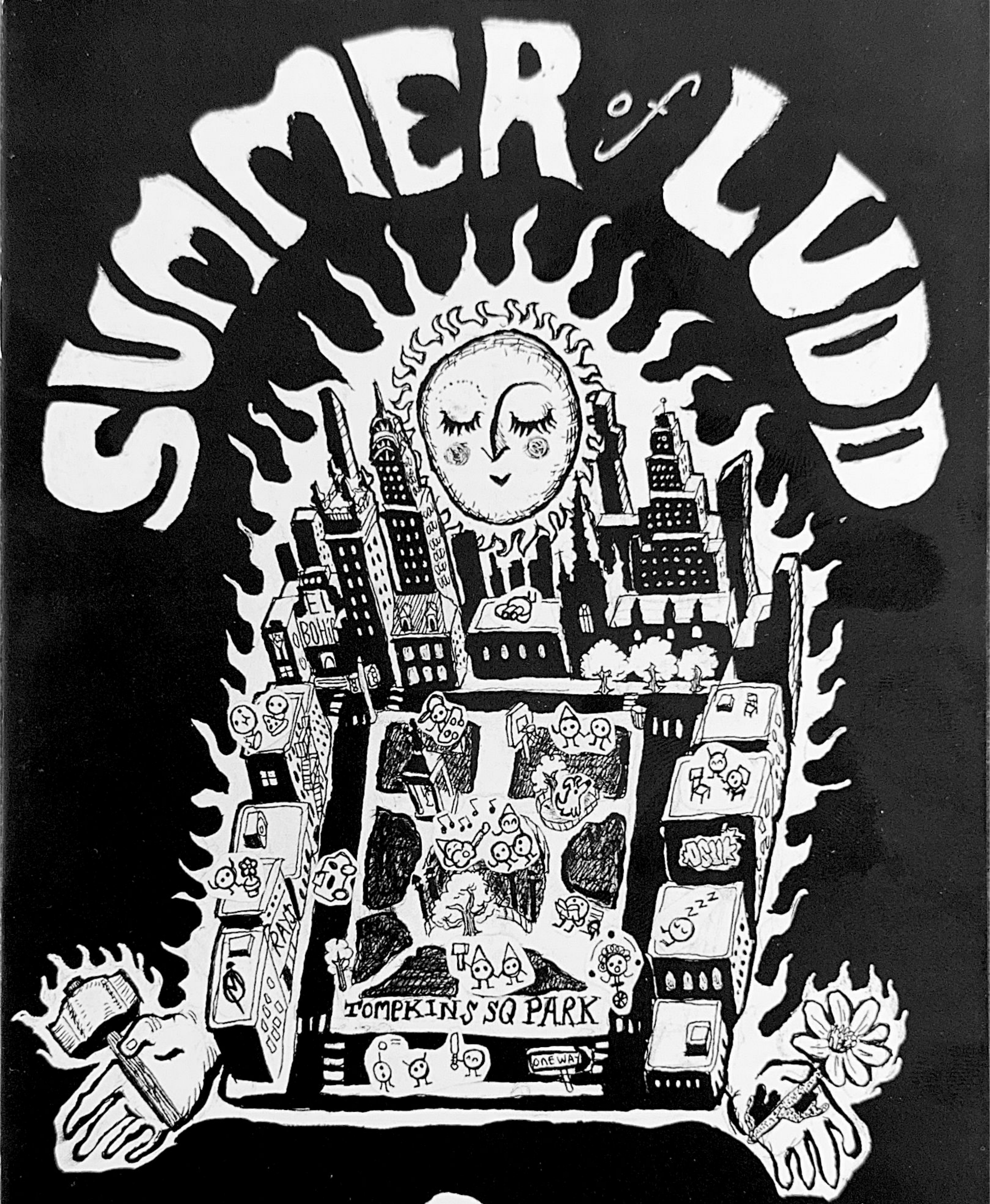


THE LUDDITE'S GUIDEBOOK

JUNE 28TH TO JULY 5TH 2026

THE EVENT IS THE MEDIUM and PUBLIC SPACE IS THE PLACE

This Guidebook is your map to the Summer of Ludd: a week of free, public, participatory programming. The goal is to encourage people to get off Big Tech and into Public Space. Welcome!

THE original Luddites of the 1810s were skilled textile workers who resisted early forms of automation. The tech titans of the Industrial Revolution fractured the lives of workers, by replacing them with automated machinery. This upheaval inspired ten years of civil protest. As a last resort, facing starvation, the Luddites broke the machines, under the banner of their folkloric hero, Ned Ludd. Despite widespread support, the Luddite movement was crushed by the British Crown, and their leaders executed—all in the name of "progress."

Today's tech oligarchs — under the same guise of "progress" — accumulate obscene wealth and power at the expense of our agency, employment, privacy, and natural environment. Currently, data centers waste fresh water during nationwide droughts. AI and social media companies sell our collected data for surveillance. Algorithms stunt our public imagination — our sense of what's possible.

And so the Luddite spirit must persevere, ever widening beyond its original scope.

As Luddites, we can opt out of this cycle. We are building new social infrastructure away from surveillance. We are choosing direct action over passive consumption. We are dancing in reclaimed Public Space. We are reminding you of the agency you wield. What will you do with it?

In keeping with this ethos, we ask that you please: share this information *offline* | respect facilitators & fellow participants | no drinking | no drugs | no dogma | keep phones & cameras stowed away.

IMPORTANT THINGS

TO READ ★ BEFORE YOU USE THE GUIDEBOOK ★

SoL HOME BASE: Tompkins SQ Park

Want to look at something other than these words? Just show up to Tompkins Sq. Park ANY TIME during the week. Come to hang out, chat with friendly people, or even add your own Event to Ringmaster's Whiteboard!

A **RINGMASTER** will be there to provide Luddite literature, Whiteboard with info, Guidebooks, and to answer questions about the schedule. Find Ringmaster: 6/28: 3pm-7pm 6/29 thru 7/3: 11am-5pm 7/4: 10am-2pm 7/5: 11am-5pm

SoL HOTLINE: CALL (347) 814-5194

Updated daily during the week with Event changes and other announcements, for when you're on the move.

SUNDAY JUNE 28

8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

Silent meditation with guided movement.

12–5PM *Sunday Pride with* ACT UP

★ Thompson Street and Washington Square South

The whole block is ours. For healthcare. For survival. For community.

3 PM *Intro to Self-Defense ★ Maria Hernandez Park*

We'll be covering the basics: stretching, conditioning, technique, and theory, with the hope that participants will leave with some super useful foundations that they can add to their self-defense toolkits.

Luddite Club Tea Party ★ Tompkins SQ

Drink tea from baby girl tea cups!

4 PM *My Stitchwork is Garbage: Saddle Stitching Workshop & Picnic*

★ Prospect Park 40° 39' 42" N, 73° 58' 15" W

Bring your own paper scraps & found materials, and join us to learn how to sew your own junk journal, zine, or chapbook with garbage-lover poets.

5 PM *Luddite Recreations ★ Tompkins SQ*

Join us in rehabilitating the word "luddite" as we tell the story of the legendary, loom-breaking, 19th-century Luddites.

Glenn Blurton's Clown Clar ★ Tompkins SQ

Come be experimental with the clowns of NYC!

8 PM *Secret Speakeasy ★ 177 Prince Street*

The Secret Speakeasy is a live event to see and enjoy the antique thingies. Come watch 16mm films!

One Billion Souls Dream Weaving Ceremony ★ Tompkins SQ

There exists realities beyond the corporeal where the sun and moon are colliding and your childhood pet is making you dinner.

MONDAY JUNE 29

8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

10 AM *Google In Real Life ★ Tompkins SQ*
How do peanuts grow? Why is it called Bluetooth? Have a question? Google in Real Life is a place where we will create more questions thru human search engine magic.

11 AM *Radio In Public Space (RIPS) ★ Tompkins SQ* | Get hands-on with shortwave radios, FM transmitters, walkie-talkies, and Meshtastic nodes. Play Radio-Controlled App Blaster 2000, a game where you compete to blast toxic apps.

11:30 AM *What is Summer of Ludd? PLUS Clean Up the Park ★ Tompkins SQ*

12:30 PM *Free Lunch ★ Tompkins SQ*

2 PM *Luddite Recreations ★ Prospect Park 40.667995, -73.971038(find big puppet)*
Join us in rehabilitating the word "luddite" as we tell the story of the legendary, loom-breaking, 19th-century Luddites.

4–7 PM *JAMBOREE Tompkins SQ* | SoL's Public stage for music, performance, and dance. No permit, no amps, drum kit provided. Open mic—it's everybody's show.

4 PM *Defense Against the (Big Tech) Dark Arts ★ 15 Rutherford Pl, NY*
The Tech Reclaimers and the Opt Out Project bring expert tips, tools, and community necessary to divest our personal devices from Big Tech; to resist, evade, and thwart Surveillance Capitalism every day; and to build the future otherwise.

5:30 PM *What Are You Doing Tonight? How to Start Your Own Events Calendar ★ La Plaza Cultural* | Panel discussion and one-on-one conversations with editors and publishers of low-tech New York City events calendars.

Music, Literature, Techno-Criticism, Peace, & Love: A Call for a New Counterculture ★ Tompkins SQ | We will explore the history of counterculture in the US, the successes and failures. How might we create a new arts-based counterculture that focuses on the malfunctions of technological capitalism in the modern day?

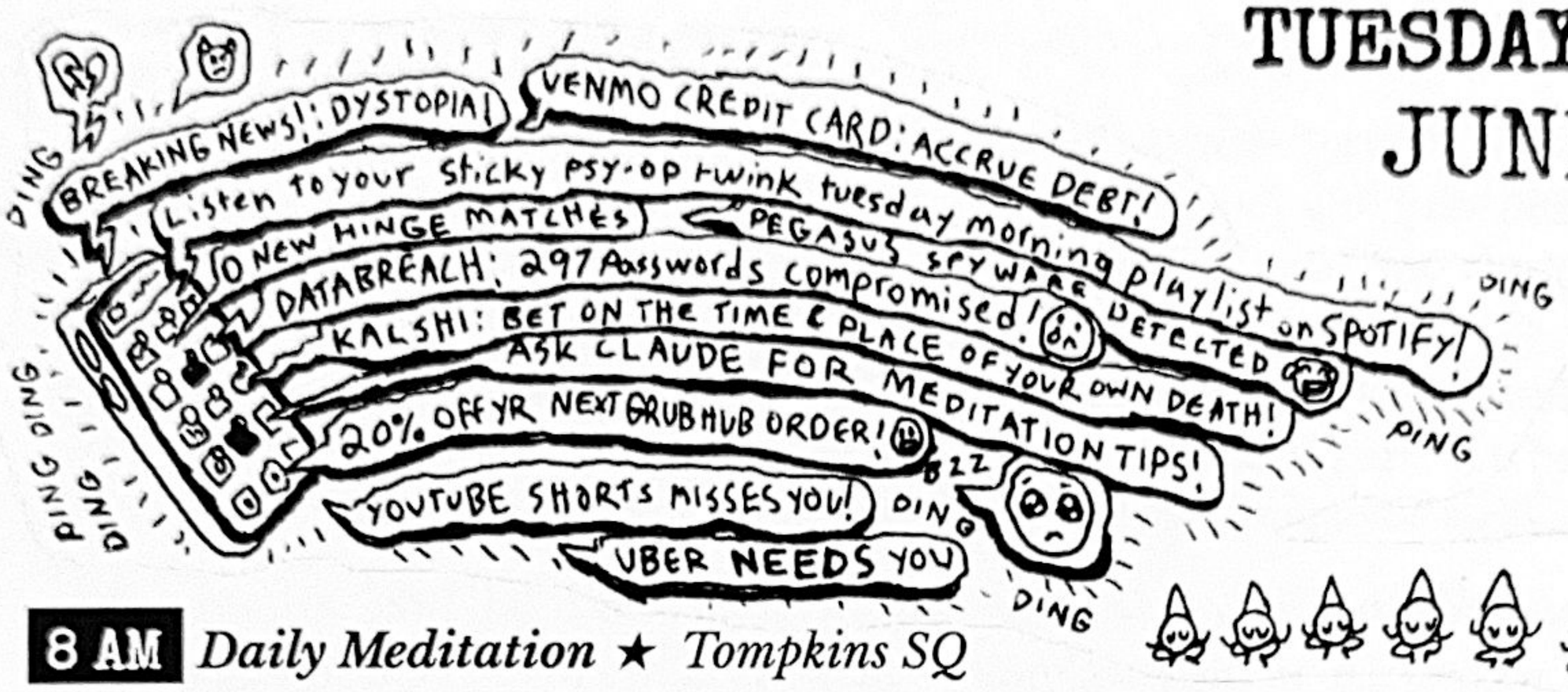
6:30 PM *Special Screening: It Came from the Basement ★ Nightclub 101*
16mm Movies found in a basement, shown IN A BASEMENT. All true LUDDITE films are sourced from DEBRIS and only watchable during SoL; pure good stuff, on word from UNDERGROUND DWELLER CRAIG BALDWIN.

7 PM *Jews On Time ★ Tompkins SQ*
We will be talking about Heschel and his thoughts on time. We'll explore how these ideas have permeated our collective thinking on time as well as how they can be used.

8 PM *POPS: History & Practice ★ 180 Maiden Lane*
Privately owned public spaces (POPS) are all over the city but in practice are less open than they're intended to be. We'll discuss a history of POPS, create a POPS Bill of Rights, and practice these rights with a POP up talent show (piano provided).

Strawberry Moon Ritual ★ Fort Greene Park (East of the Monument)
Join us to honor the full strawberry moon in Ft. Greene Park. Bring an offering of something strawberry related for our communal altar.

TUESDAY JUNE 30



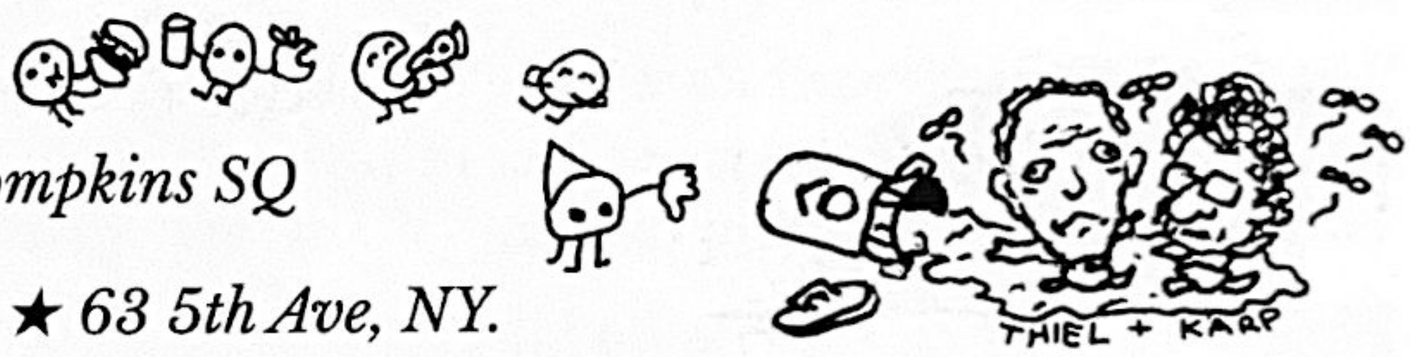
8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

10 AM–3PM *Luddite Conference ★ The New School, 63 5th Ave*

Examining social alienation, mass surveillance, AI war economies, and how people organize in a hyper-digitized world. With acclaimed speakers Bill Hartung, Koohan Paik-Mander, and Juan Sebastián Pinto.

12 PM *Defense Against the (Big Tech) Dark Arts ★ 15 Rutherford Pl., NY*

(see 6/29 4 PM for description)



12:30 PM *Free Lunch ★ Tompkins SQ*

3:30 PM *March to Palantir ★ 63 5th Ave, NY.*

Join for a direct action at Palantir—with speeches, soapboxes, and some magick.

4 PM *MENding: Learn to Sew for Guys and Bros ★ Tompkins SQ*

Want to do something about the male loneliness epidemic AND textile waste? Join our Tactical Fabric Reinforcement Squad and learn to repair clothes so they can be worn longer. A clothesmaxxing coach will help participants reach peak performance.

5:15 PM *Stevie Wonder vs. The Nazis Teach-in ★ 15 Rutherford Pl., NY*

What is Virality? This session will challenge the social media definition of "going viral" through examples of viral art and music, showing how influence can be used for good and bad across different forms of media.

5:30 PM *Introducing the First Fully Offline Candidate for President: Dan Fox ★ Washington Square Park* | Announcing his intention to run as the first-ever IRL president. His platform? No platforms.

7 PM *16mm 3D World Newsreels: The Business of America*

★ El Jardin 710 E 5th Street NY| A black-tie Luddite event... the first film to probe one of our most treasured economic assumptions: that private corporations can be trusted to make the investments upon which all Americans depend.

Mass Poetry Reading ★ Tompkins SQ

Whitman! Byron! Blake! Yates! Hayes! Seussian sonnets! & maybe your poem too! Free booklets to the first 200.

8 PM *New Rat City ★ Tompkins SQ*

Come learn more about the rodents we share our city with, and leave with a new appreciation and understanding for how they live (and how they are misunderstood).

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

11 AM ***Public Interest Postal Service Zine Making*** *★ 15 Rutherford Pl., NY*
Explores the history of public interest and civic movements, teaches participants how to make a simple one-page zine, and provides rich examples of world-building around urgent, non-ideological topics.

Attention Activism Teach-in *★ Tompkins SQ* | Discuss how Big Tech has commodified our attention—and how we can organize against them. We'll end on a MASS PRACTICE to experience the power of shared attention in public space.

12 PM ***Paper Route: Bicycle Doodle Tour*** *★ Tompkins SQ* | Bike around the East & West village with a map to the checkpoints. Make sketches to create trading cards.

12:30 PM *Free Lunch ★ Tompkins SQ*

1 PM ***Cantastoria Workshop with Bread and Puppet + Boxcutter Collective***
★ Stuyvesant Park | Learn how to make & perform cantastorias, an ancient form of street art storytelling, perfect for your next low-tech proletariat uprising or bday party.

2 PM ***Radio In Public Space (RIPS)*** *★ Tompkins SQ* |(see 6/29 11 AM for details)

The Foot ★ Stuyvesant Park | An endearing—and enduring—parable about the simple joys of life in the face of looming hardship and oppression. Created for the 1982 nuclear disarmament rally in NYC by Bread and Puppet.

3 PM ***Leafing Out*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Leaves are full of stories. Learn to read them, learn to tell them.

3:30 PM ***Ecosocialism: Coming to a Horizon Near You AND 6 Reasons Not To Carry A Phone*** *★ Stuyvesant Park* | A crash course in capitalism (the enemy of nature) and a celebratory survey of revolutionary alternatives, in the context of the struggle against apocalyptic technocracy, and the return to Mother Earth.

4–7 PM ***JAMBOREE*** *Tompkins SQ* | SoL's Public stage for music, performance, and dance. No permit, no amps, drum kit provided. Open mic—it's everybody's show.

4 PM ***Pure Lunacy*** *★ Stuyvesant Park* | A play—the moon tries to retire.

Live Texting ★ La Plaza Garden | Send letters to friends or to random people. Recipients can send a letter back. Letters will be passed by a human pigeon making pigeon noises.

5 PM ***We Are All Already Cyborgs*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Donna Haraway: "By the late twentieth century, our time, a mythic time, we are all chimeras, theorized and fabricated hybrids of machine and organism; in short, we are cyborgs." Together we'll investigate this statement using our bodies, minds, and spirits.

6 PM ***Phone Free Adelphi*** *★ Fort Greene Park*
Phone-free night of creativity in the park.

Not One, Not Two: Meditative and Interactive Exploration of the Flexibility of Attention *★ Tompkins SQ* | Bring a cushion or jacket to sit on.

5 **7 PM** *Earth Chxrch ★ 15 Rutherford Pl., NY*| Secular gospel music for the Earth! Environmentalist direct action choir! Earthalujah.

THURSDAY JULY 2

8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

10:30 AM *Group Hug ★ Tompkins SQ*
Inspired by downtown dancer Simone Forti "Huddle" performance.

12:30 PM *Free Lunch ★ Tompkins SQ*

1 PM ***Puppet Experimentation with Boxcutter Collective*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Come dance and wiggle cardboard with us as we develop pieces for our upcoming circus.

Visible Mending *★ Tompkins SQ*
Learn how to repair your favorite shirt or other beloved garment with visible mending. No sewing experience required—beginners welcome.

2 PM ***Piracy 101*** *★ Tompkins SQ*

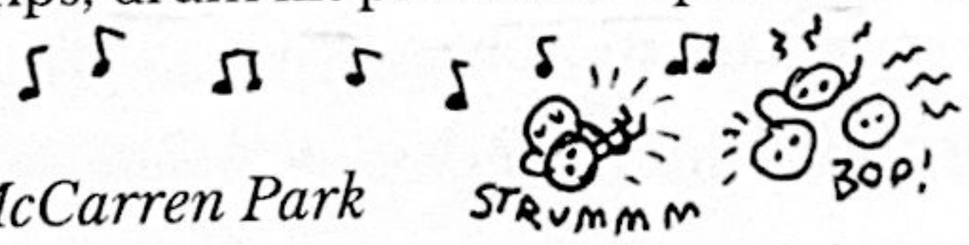
Stop paying for streaming, and learn how to get media for free. The past, present, and future of piracy and digital rights management. Bring computer.

Luddite Recreations *★ Prospect Park 40.667995, -73.971038*

Join us in rehabilitating the word "luddite" as we tell the story of the legendary, loom-breaking, 19th-century Luddites. Look for giant puppet!

3 PM ***Deep Listening*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Walk and sit and listen gratefully to the symphony of sounds that is all around us!

4–7 PM ***JAMBOREE*** *★ Tompkins SQ* | SoL's Public stage for music, performance, and dance. No permit, no amps, drum kit provided. Open mic—it's everybody's show.



5:30 PM ***The Artist Is Not Present*** *★ McCarren Park*
Inspired by Marina Abramović's The Artist Is Present, a Presidential candidate will sit in a chair across from a stranger and scroll their phone until they want it back.

6 PM ***Your Phone Is 4.6 Billion Years Old Teach-In*** *★ Tompkins SQ* | The devices we carry in our pockets everyday connect us materially to the deep history of the Earth, which exists on time scales beyond our comprehension and is nonetheless our history too.

6:30PM ***Bread and Puppet Puppet Show*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Bread & Puppet, a 63-year-old political puppet theater from Vermont, presents a puppet show in the park that you have never seen before and will never see again.

7 PM ***Computer Care Café*** *★ 15 Rutherford Pl., NY*
Engage in a ritual cleansing of a personal device and build a more lucid relationship with technology—set up anti-surveillance tech stacks, activate a dumbphone, etc. Care for yourself, too, with tea, pastries, and some light spa treatments.

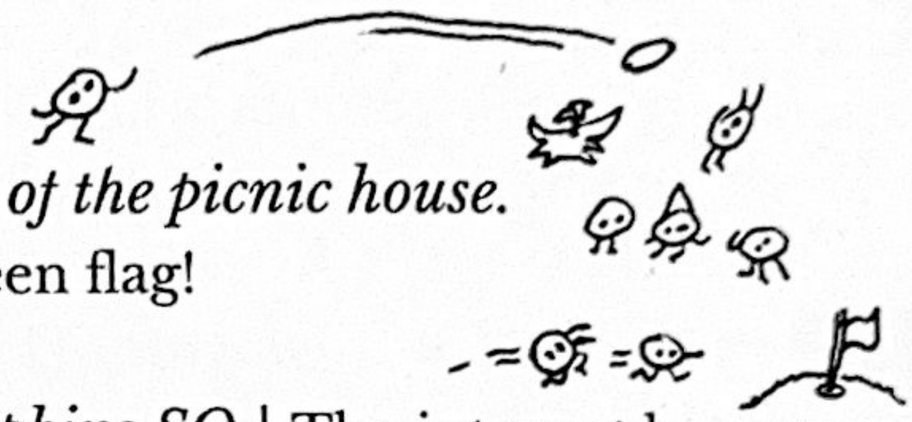
FRIDAY JULY 3

8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

10 AM *Yerba Mate Ceremony ★ Tompkins SQ*
For thousands of years, yerba mate has been a sacred ritual across South America, used to connect with each other, our souls, our ancestors, and the unseen world.

12 PM *Soil Chromatography ★ Tompkins SQ*
A technique that creates a visual "portrait" of soil. It reveals the biological and mineral character of a soil sample in radiant, flower-like patterns—turning something invisible into something beautiful.

12:30 PM *Free Lunch ★ Tompkins SQ*



1 PM *Field Day! ★ Prospect Park, Southwest of the picnic house.*
Cooperative games in the park. Look for the green flag!

2 PM ***Against the Attention Harvest*** *★ Tompkins SQ* | The internet has become our new public sphere. The trouble is, it is driven by one imperative: to harvest human attention at industrial scales. It's time now to get together and say No! Consciousness is not for sale!

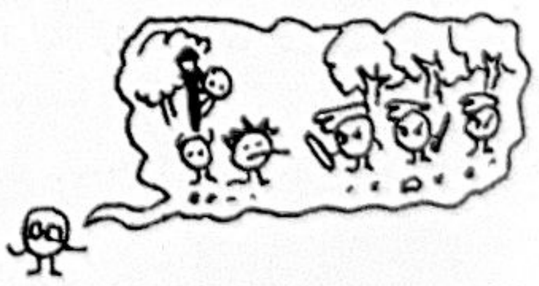
Radical Imagination *★ Tompkins SQ* | Playfully imagining possibilities beyond the paradigms of limited imagination imposed on us by our inherited stories about what is possible and what isn't.

3 PM ***PUPPET SHOW: 7 Dances for the End of the World*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
A pair of adorable antennae listen for the harsh dispatches of this world's crumbling radio. As the curtains draw closer to the evening's full darkness, what do we do with ourselves? Let's look to the safety-pin, the card-game, and the weasel. Maybe they'll know something we don't.

Street Clowning Workshop *★ Tompkins SQ* | Come clown!

4–7 PM *JAMBOREE ★ Tompkins SQ* | SoL's Public stage for music, performance, and dance. No permit, no amps, drum kit provided. Open mic—it's everybody's show.

4 PM ***Tompkins Square History Lesson*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
A class everyone should take, New Yorkers and transplants alike.



5 PM ***On Luddite Rizz*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Hate dating apps but struggling to meet people offline? Hear from two renowned Luddite rizzlers on how to navigate the dating world, decimate isolation, meet new people, facilitate romance, and look for love in a world that has turned the search into a shady algorithmic phone game.

6 PM ***Community Tapestry*** *★ Tompkins SQ* | Add fabric or yarn (or anything) to a tapestry woven by our community! Bring materials, or use what we have.

Flirtation Rehabilitation *★ Little Island* | Revamp your faith in a fun and sexy 7 time. Join us for a journey through the stages of flirting without tech.

6:30 PM *A Performance by Boxcutter Collective* ★ *Tompkins SQ*
Featuring pieces from our upcoming political puppet circus.

7 PM *Human Scavenger Hunt* ★ *Tompkins SQ*
Instead of finding objects like a traditional scavenger hunt....we find people. Or rather: we find things out ABOUT people.

9 PM *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark* ★ *Tompkins SQ*
An evening of story-sharing in the park where people gather around an "imaginary bonfire" to swap ghost stories, scavenger hunt stories, and whatever else emerges under the night sky. Marshmallows & sticks will be provided!

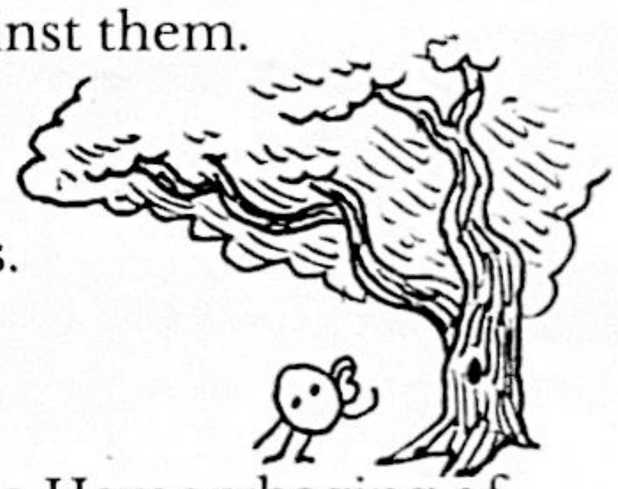
10 PM *LET'S GET OFF TOGETHER (all-night party)* ★ *telos.haus*
A celebration of nightlife as it's meant to be: free from the grip of greedy tech platforms. Organized by artists, activists, & luddite friends, this gathering weaves together immersive art, facilitated experiences, ritual, magic, & DJ sets—

SATURDAY JULY 4

8 AM *Daily Meditation* ★ *Tompkins SQ*

11 AM *Fighting AI Data Centers Teach-In* ★ *Tompkins SQ*
Learn about the hyperscale data centers, why they're popping up everywhere, what effect they have on the environment, and how to organize against them.

12 PM *How to Talk With a Tree* ★ *Tompkins SQ*
Come learn how to ask trees questions. Stay and listen to their answers.



12:30 PM *Free Lunch* ★ *Tompkins SQ*

2 PM *SHITPHONE* ★ *Tompkins SQ*
Scathing Hatred of Information Technology and the Passionate Hemorrhaging of Our Neoliberal Experience. Protest the nation of empire and consumption as a gnome. **Biggest protest of the Luddite Movement yet!**

2 PM *The Card Catalog of Potential* ★ *La Plaza Garden*
On index cards, write, and create art in response to four prompts. Art Supplies will be provided, and participants will receive a free zine of their collaboration.

4 PM *A Story about the True Identity of Ned Ludd* ★ *Green Oasis Community Garden* | A well-researched conspiracy theory as to the true identity of Ned Ludd. After escaping to Sherbrooke Forest, General Ludd's identity remained a mystery, but the exploits of who he became and how he almost took down the European aristocracy at the peak of the slave trade will be revealed.

8 PM *Beach Kookout for a New America* ★ *Beach 90 St., Rockaway*
Kite flying, group rituals, beach freaking & untold stories—America & our luddite limbs under the fireworks manifesting.

9 PM **Anna by The Window:** *Movie Screening + BRAIN ROT DETOX* ★
Tompkins SQ | A portrait of 24 hours in the life of an aimless screenager in NYC as he avoids his overbearing artist father and AI-startup tech-bro brother.
After the film, stick around for some participatory BRAIN ROT DETOX activities.

10 PM *Soft & Lovely* ★ *TBA*
A safe space to collectively show the importance of moving our bodies.
"Turn soft and lovely every time you get the chance." —Jenny Holzer

SUNDAY JULY 5

8 AM *Daily Meditation ★ Tompkins SQ*

12:30 PM *Free Lunch ★ Tompkins SQ*

1 PM ***Info Security + Zine Making Workshop*** *★ The Clemente, 107 Suffolk St. Third floor, #305* | An introduction to personal digital privacy and information security practices covering threat modeling, encryption & getting around the city, and how we make choices with data. Material will be provided to make personalized digital privacy zines, taking useful information to craft our own pocket-guides.

2 PM *Miming in the Park ★ Washington Square Park* | Mime in the park.

3 PM *"Exits" Teach-in ★ Roosevelt Island*

When we quit a habit, or leave a relationship, what happens next? Let's learn from the many exits of Roosevelt Island through an afternoon of reading, movement, and play.

5 PM ***Closing Ceremony ★ Tompkins SQ*** **| Lady Ludd guides us into the future.**

8 PM *Secret Speakeasy ★ 177 Prince St.* | The Secret Speakeasy is a live event to see and enjoy the antique thingies. Come watch 16mm films!

9 PM ***Organizing and the Internet*** *★ Tompkins SQ*
Development of activist tactics in the 21st Century.

GUIDEBOOK TEAM
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YES! RESOURCES

Public Event venues, Community spaces, Event calendars, Newsletters, Mutual aid, Bulletin boards. These are to be considered as

alternative social infrastructure

EVENT CALENDARS

CAL.RED★WEBSITE
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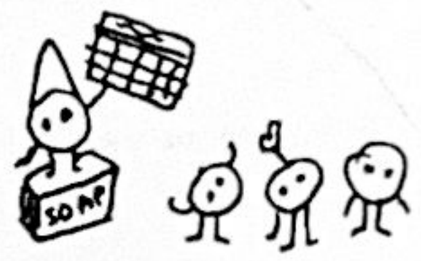

SPACES

MUSEUM OF RECLAIMED URBAN SPACE *155 Ave C*
INTERFERENCE ARCHIVE *314 7th St, BK*
RIDGEWOOD COMMONS *585 Woodward Ave, QNS*
BOSHI'S PLACE *1002 Metropolitan Ave, BK*
PROPERTY IS THEFT *411 S 5th St, BK*
FRANCIS KITE CLUB *40 Loisaida Ave*
WOODBINE *414 Broadway 3rd FL, Canal St*
EARTH BOUND BOOKS *148 Flushing Ave, BK*
VILLAGE WORKS *12 St. Marks Pl NY*
GIORNO POETRY SYSTEMS *222 Bowery NY*
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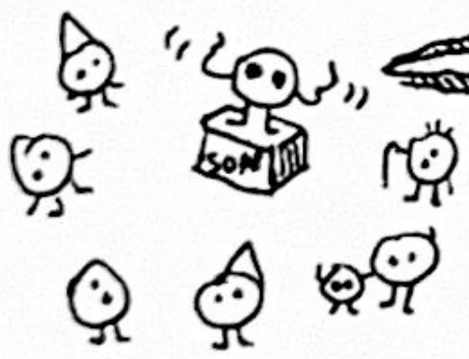

YOU CAN ALWAYS DO YOUR EVENTS IN:
PUBLIC PARKS and STREETS
PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC SPACES (P.O.P.S.)
COMMUNITY GARDENS if you know a member
FRIENDS APARTMENTS, THE TRAIN, LIBRARIES and even CHURCHES

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM

Democracy Now!★Hell Gate★WBAI Public Radio★New York Review of Architecture★New York War Crimes★Commonality Magazine★The Shadow★The Indypendent★Propublica★404 Media★ Start your own!

LOCAL MUTUAL AID

A99★SUN 12-5★9th St & 1st Ave
TOMPKINS DISTRO★SAT 11-12★7th St & Ave B
LES FOOD NOT BOMBS★SUN 430-630★7th st & Ave A
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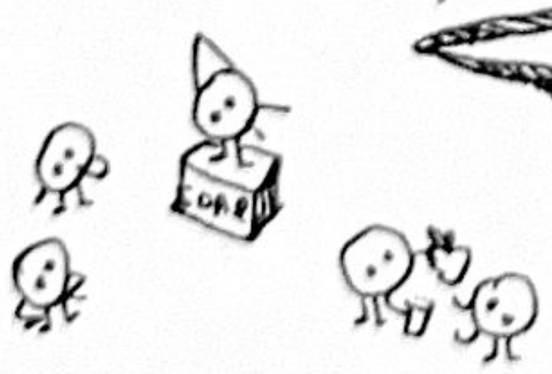

Luddism

REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL

USE SMARTPHONE

GIVE DATA TO BIG TECH

TECH MONITORS GROUP PATTERNS

MANIPULATES USER BEHAVIOR

SELLS INFO TO GOV+MILITARY

SCALES UP DATA

MAKES MAD $$$

BUILDS MORE DATA CENTERS

DESTROYS THE ENVIRONMENT

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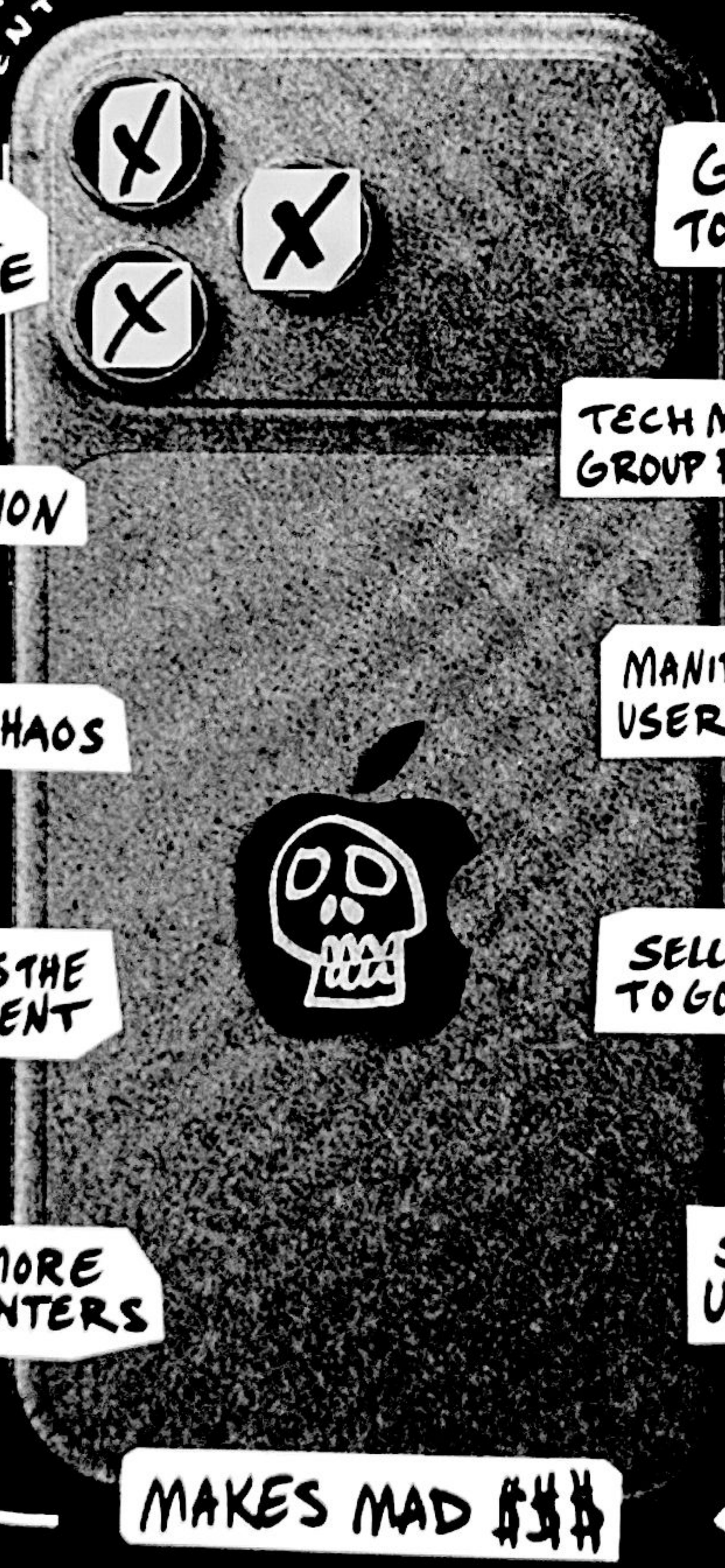

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